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SUBJECT: SURINAM MEMBERSHIP IN INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT
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1. IN CONVERSATION WITH DESK OFFICER APRIL 22, SURINAM
AMBASSADOR KARAMAT SAID THAT SURINAM'S PROPOSED TERMS OF
ENTRY TO THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (IDB) WERE
ALMOST IDENTICAL TO THOSE OFFERED GUYANA. HE SAID THE
SUBSCRIPTION AND VOTING STRENGTH (APPROXIMATELY 1500) WERE
LOWER THAN ORIGINALLY OFFERED (APPROXIMATELY 4000) BECAUSE
THE LATINS WERE AFRAID OF A "CARIBBEAN BLOCK" STRONG
ENOUGH TO CHALLENGE LATIN CONTROL OF SEATS ON THE BOARD
OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS.

2. KARAMAT THEN VOLUNTEERED THAT UNLIKE GUYANA, SURINAM
COULD NOT EXPECT TO QUALIFY FOR IDB SOFT WINDOW (FSO)
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LOANS FOR SEVERAL YEARS BECAUSE OF ITS HIGHER PER CAPITA
INCOME AND RELATIVELY WELL DEVELOPED ECONOMY. DESK
OFFICER SAID THAT IDB POLICY IS TO RESTRICT FSO LOANS TO
ONLY THOSE COUNTRIES THAT ARE NOT SO WELL OFF, AND THAT
SURINAM WAS AMONG THOSE TOO DEVELOPED TO QUALIFY. KARAMAT
INDICATED THAT SURINAM HAD NO PLANS TO SEEK FSO LOANS IN
THE NEAR FUTURE.

3. IN CONVERSATION AT DEPARTMENT WITH SURINAM EMBASSY
FIRST SECRETARY RUDY VAN BUCHOVEN, DESK OFFICER REPEATED
OBSERVATION THAT UNDER IDB POLICY, SURINAM WOULD NOT
QUALIFY FOR FSO LOANS.
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